

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 161**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal**

April 19, 2010

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161—Relative to California Nurses Week 2010.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 161, as introduced, Bonnie Lowenthal. California Nurses Week 2010.

This measure would proclaim May 9 through 15 as California Nurses Week 2010.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The registered nurses of the California Nurses  
2 Association and National Nurses United are committed advocates  
3 for each and every patient; and  
4 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association was founded  
5 in 1903, as the first organization to represent nurses in California;  
6 and  
7 WHEREAS, Over the 107 years of its proud history, the  
8 California Nurses Association has achieved lifesaving gains in  
9 patient care and patient safety conditions for all Californians  
10 through sponsored legislation, public regulation, and collective  
11 action in patient care settings; and  
12 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association has played an  
13 instrumental role in the creation of National Nurses United in 2009,  
14 bringing together 150,000 nurses from every state to promote  
15 patient advocacy across the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association, National Nurses  
2 United, and its affiliate the Registered Nurse Response Network,  
3 have displayed great humanitarian spirit with their efforts to help  
4 care for the patients and nurses of Haiti in the aftermath of that  
5 nation's devastating earthquake; and

6 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association's registered  
7 nurses worked for many years to achieve the nation's first safe  
8 registered nurse-to-patient ratio law that studies have documented  
9 to reduce patient mortality in California hospitals and help mitigate  
10 the nursing shortage; and

11 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association provides a  
12 powerful and effective collective voice for registered nurses; and

13 WHEREAS, The safe, high-quality health care services provided  
14 by registered nurses somehow touch the lives of every single person  
15 in California; and

16 WHEREAS, Registered nurses are often the last line of defense  
17 for patient safety in a medical industry that increasingly places  
18 corporate profits ahead of patient needs; and

19 WHEREAS, Nationally, May 6 through 12 is recognized as  
20 National Nurses Week 2010, and nurses working in all areas of  
21 health care in California will commemorate May 9 through 15 as  
22 California Nurses Week 2010, in celebration of the many ways  
23 the California Nurses Association and its members and all nurses  
24 working throughout California's health care system provide safe,  
25 high-quality patient care and patient services; now, therefore, be  
26 it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims May 9  
29 through 15 as California Nurses Week 2010, in recognition of the  
30 many contributions that the California Nurses Association and its  
31 members have made to improve the health and safety of all  
32 Californians and to express deep appreciation to all of the state's  
33 nurses during that week and throughout the years to come; and be  
34 it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature asks all Californians to join in  
36 honoring the registered nurses of the California Nurses Association  
37 and all registered nurses who provide the highest quality health  
38 care services to the public; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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